

High Flood Water Causes Some Alarm; No Damage Here

The rising of the waters of the Connecticut river after the heavy rains of last week-end reminded all of the beginning of the devastating flood of a little more than a year ago. As reports reached very early Sunday morning in the north the river as it flows through Northfield was watched with considerable interest. The peak of the water was reached very early Sunday morning and it was sufficiently high to flow over the riprap on the bank west of the Schell bridge and to cover the roadway by a few inches. The roadway leading to the Schell bridge was closed from both sides and traffic was directed to Hermon to the East Northfield station. On Monday traffic was again restored and the road opened. No damage has been reported herabouts.

A portion of the temporary bridge across the river above Brattleboro leading to Lake Spofford went out Saturday night but it is reported that the timbers were caught further down shore and anchored. It is doubtful if the span will be rebuilt as the permanent bridge is expected to be completed in August. The temporary bridge at Sunderland held firm.

At Keene the lowlands were flooded and several families were compelled to move out. Some sections of the town were without light. At this place the Ashuelot and Branch rivers overflowed. At Hinsdale the meadows were flooded and a slide of the roadway took place on the road to Winchester.

At Northampton the meadow farms were flooded. On the Mohawk Trail and Jacobs Ladder route to the west had earth and rock slides took place. The temporary bridge at Turners Falls stood up well. Many sightseers went to the French King bridge to see the rushing waters and many also went to Turners Falls to watch the tremendous amount of water pouring over the dam. The Vernon dam also presented an inspiring sight. The rise of the water above normal level was given as 24 feet at Sunderland and as 31 feet at Montague.

Nelson Pond Bridge

The County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on Wednesday morning of last week at the court house on the petition of the Northfield Selectmen regarding the layout and certain betterments to be made to the highway on the South Vernon-Hermon road at Nelson's Pond. At this place there is a dam which impounds the water of an artificial lake owned by a group of sportsmen in Greenfield and where the bridge spanning the chasm was washed away by the flood of last year in March. A temporary wooden structure was built some two hundred feet down the stream and this has accommodated the traffic. The building of a new permanent bridge has been under consideration for some time and our Selectmen have been in conference with the proper authorities from whom the aid is expected to build the new structure of stone and concrete. The Commissioners' hearing was to determine the layout of the road previous to beginning work there. It is hoped that some definite action in the matter will be decided upon soon.

Chosen Delegates

At the spring meeting of the Franklin County WCTU held at Leverett Wednesday, Mrs. E. M. Morgan and Mrs. L. H. Lazelle were chosen as delegates to the World's WCTU convention to be held in Washington, June 3 to 8. Upon their return they will give an account of their experience at the final meeting of the local organization which will be held later in June as a picnic meeting.

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Fine Concert Given At Auditorium Sunday; Other School Doings

The Northfield Schools presented their annual sacred concert last Sunday afternoon to an overflow audience of approximately 3000 people.

Climaxing one of the busiest week-ends of the school year, the traditional concert was a finished and well-rendered production. Special credit is due the conductor, Melvin L. Gallagher, and his highly-trained A Cappella choir. Whereas in previous years the concert has been devoted mainly to sacred hymns, many of the numbers sung this year were modern arrangements for A Cappella singing. From 3 to 3:30 the program was broadcast over the NBC blue network. The "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" was sung for the third successive year by the demand of friends of the schools and the students themselves. Favorable comment has been made about the A Cappella choir's rendition of "The Three Kings" a carol number harmonized in 1918 by the Rev. Luis Romeu.

The congregation joined the students in singing four well-known hymns: "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past," "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart," "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand," and "Immortal Love, Forever Full."

The program ended with the singing of "The Northfield Benediction" which has closed the sacred concerts since 1885.

The Northfield Hotel, the inns and tourist homes were filled to overflowing over the week-end. Saturday afternoon, parents and friends of the Seminary students witnessed a presentation of "Cinderella" in celebration of Tree Day. Elena Shinn, of Arlington Heights, presided over the day's affairs as Queen of the May, and although the pageant had to take place indoors it was an altogether pleasing performance. The planting of the class tree followed the pageant with Jean Holworth of Syracuse, N. Y., senior class president, delivering the spade oration and Jessie Henry of Wallingford, Conn., junior president, responding. The first annual Parents' week-end was held at Mount Hermon with athletic events and a Hobby Show under the direction of Franklin Mayer as attractive features.

Hostel Open House

The directors and their wives will receive friends in an "open house" of the Richard Schirman Youth Hostel on Main St., on Thursday evening, May 27, from 8 to 10 o'clock. There will be a showing by moving pictures of the activities of the various groups which traveled abroad last season, and a program of music. All friends are cordially invited to attend.

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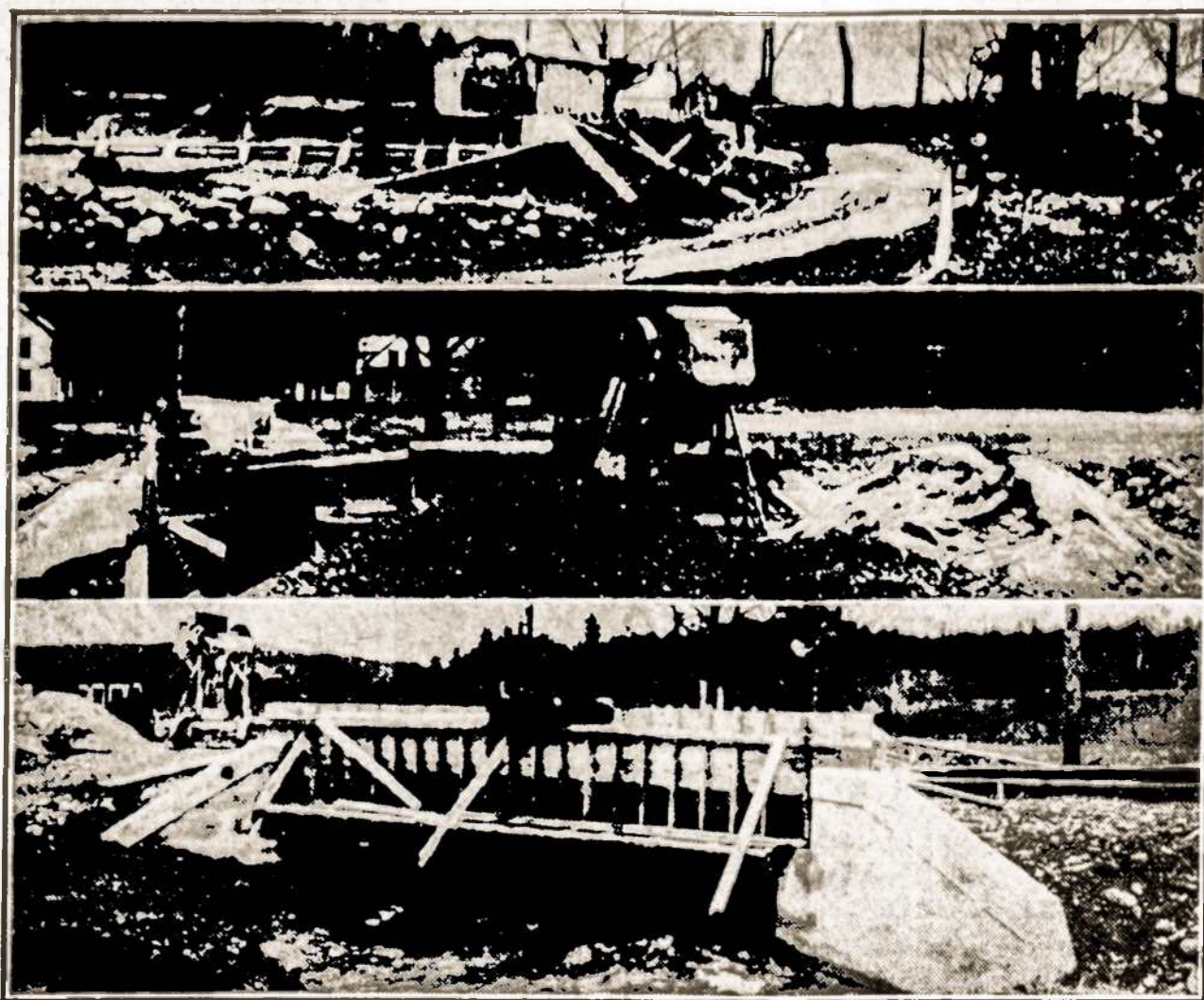
The Northfield WCTU was represented at the district meeting at North Leverett, Wednesday by Mrs. E. M. Morgan, Mrs. Carl Mason, Mrs. L. R. Alexander, Mrs. M. E. Vorce, Mrs. A. M. Wright and Mrs. L. H. Lazelle. They report a most interesting session and the announcement that Franklin county had come through with its contributions to the Francis Willard Memorial Education fund as it won the high honors. Northfield was the first in the county to receive the Gold Star certificate.

Entertains Classmates

Miss Virginia Powell entertained seven of her classmates at Mount Holyoke College, at Green Pastures, the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pitt, over the week-end. They were the Misses Jean B. Hunnewell of White Plains, N. Y., Helen M. Davidson of Cohasset, Mass., Marlon E. Branch of Mexico City, Douglas Taylor of Montclair, N. J., Doris A. Diephouse of Webster Grove, Mo., Margaret Whittemore of Scarsdale, N. Y., and Ruth William of Orange, N. J.

The state of Massachusetts ranks fifth among all the states in life insurance payments to beneficiaries in 1936. Greenfield beneficiaries received payments of \$135,000.

The oldest church parish in this country is said to be that of St. John's Episcopal church in Hampton, Va., established in 1610.



NORTHFIELD WPA BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
Northfield—Three views of the new Warwick Avenue Bridge being built by WPA workers. A temporary bridge has been erected until the new bridge is finished.

Village Improvement Has Annual Session

The Village Improvement society held its annual meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Merrifield, last Friday evening. President Gingras presided and called the meeting to order. The annual report of the treasurer was submitted showing the permanent fund and investments to be \$2765.98 and cash on hand of \$226.50. The society has cared for the fountain plot during the past year and is setting out many trees in the town.

Trustees chosen for the permanent fund and investments are L. R. Smith, William F. Hoehn and Joseph R. Colton.

Plans were made and approved for a re-registration of the membership list. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Harry Gingras; vice-president, Mrs. Fred S. Merrifield; secretary, Miss Ethel Lawrence; and treasurer, William F. Hoehn. The special tree committee was continued to finish their work.



MELVIN L. GALLAGHER
Choral Director of Northfield Seminary and Mount Hermon school, who conducted the schools' annual Sacred Concert of 1100 voices last Sunday.

Local Graduation

The Northfield High School will graduate its senior class on Tuesday evening, June 22 at the graduation exercises in the town hall at 8 o'clock. Class night will be observed Monday evening June 21 in the town hall and the Baccalaureate service will be held on Sunday morning, June 20, at the Unitarian church. It is announced that Susanna Wilder has been named salutatorian and Raymond Plotczyk valedictorian of the senior class.

Massachusetts reports the lowest birth rate in 100 years. For 1936 the births numbered 61,873 or 14.1 per thousand of population. The number of births in 1936, however, exceeded the number of deaths by 9,800.

Daylight saving time is now legal in New Hampshire by vote of the Legislature. All clocks can now be set to this time.

Garden Club Rewards Caterpillar Collectors; Repeats Next Year

The Northfield Garden club entertained the school children at the town hall Tuesday evening. The 4-H club leaders from Greenfield were present and furnished the program of movies and singing, but the highlight of the evening was when the prizes for the tent caterpillar contest were awarded. The contest opened to every school in the town, but only those schools whose individual collections of cocoons and egg clusters were over one hundred were considered. Stanley Mankowsky won the first prize of one dollar for the largest number collected in the center school, and Olive Fisher the 2nd prize of fifty cents. In No. 3 school, Delphine Field won first prize, and Delvy Field, Helen Mankowsky, Mildred Clough, and Elizabeth Browning each received fifty cents for collecting over one thousand. Ruth Holton of West Northfield received a prize of twenty-five cents although the school did not make the thousand class.

The total number collected by the competing schools was: 15,815, of which Stanley Mankowsky brought in 6434, Olive Fisher 1677, Delphine Field 2515, Delvy Field 1672, Helen Mankowsky 1085, Mildred Clough 1082, Elizabeth Browning 1000 and Ruth Holton 350.

In addition to the regular prizes, Stanley Mankowsky won the grand prize of one dollar for the largest number brought in from any of the schools, and the Village Improvement society sent in surprise prizes of one dollar each for the first, second and third winners in the contest.

Number 3 school reported that this was their third year of work along this line. In 1935 they destroyed 10,000; in 1936, 12,000; and this year their total was 7,354. No report of former activities were received from the other schools, although some of them have been working in the caterpillar clean-ups before this year. The representative of the Village Improvement society wished to have it announced that they would continue the good work by offering prizes in 1938 of \$3 for first; \$2 for 2nd; and \$1 for 3rd, so the children can start making plans for next season.

The amount of caterpillars destroyed in this contest is so much greater than appears at first glance that it is almost staggering. Each egg cluster has about 150 eggs and there are several hatchlings during a season so that it can easily be seen that the number runs into the millions. Everyone who loves or is interested in green, growing things owes a vote of thanks to the school children who have worked so hard, not alone this year, but in past to wipe out these troublesome pests.

The Seminary Church Chooses Its Cabinet

The newly-elected members of the Northfield Seminary Church Cabinet have recently been announced. Virginia Baker of New Brunswick, N. J., will be next year's chairman. The other officers will be: Elizabeth Colvin, clerk; Ruby Frink, treasurer; Chairman Worship department, Harriet Mehaffey; World Outlook department, Betsey Jane Merrill; Community Relations department, Margaret Colvin and Extension department, Jessie Henry. Hall representatives were elected as follows: East Gould, Margaret Duncan; Center Gould, Elizabeth Colvin; West Gould, Charlotte Ogilvie; Marquand, Jean Coffin, and Marihelen Sherman; East, Edith Bender; Weston, Lucy Williams; Hillside, Crane, Mary Rhodes; Moore, Ruth Kark; Revell Holton, Jean Blodgett. The faculty advisers will be announced at a later date.



MISS MARGARET SLATTERY
Noted lecturer and author, who will speak on D. L. Moody at the spring meeting of the Franklin county Congregational club to be held at the Northfield hotel next Tuesday evening.

Walter G. Dwyer

Walter G. Dwyer, a resident of Northfield for the past 16 years, died at the Franklin county hospital Thursday night, May 13, after a short illness. He came here from Gardner and conducted a farm on the Northfield-Erving road on the mountain. He was born in Montgomery, Vt., Jan. 25, 1868 and was the son of George B. and Phyllida Griswold Dwyer. Surviving are his widow, Bertha Levett, three daughters, Mrs. Orin Hopkins of California, Mrs. Raymond Cadrett of Erving, and Mrs. Howard Carpenter of Colrain; three sons, Clayton B. and Harold of Northfield, and Max G. of Shelburne; one brother, Warner D. Dwyer of Greenfield; and two sisters, Miss Fida Dwyer of Montgomery, Vt. and Miss Fannie Dwyer of East Gardner.

Funeral services were held at the Shepard funeral home in Greenfield Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. A. L. Truesdell officiated, and burial was in the Gardner cemetery.

Commencement Plans At Mount Hermon And The Seminary

The Northfield Schools will observe their Commencement exercises on Monday, June 14, when Mount Hermon school will hear Professor James T. Clelland of Amherst College, deliver the address to the graduates and Northfield Seminary will hear the Rev. Boynton Merrill, D. D., of Newton, who is a trustee of the schools.

Baccalaureate Sunday will be June 13 at both schools with Principal Mira B. Wilson speaking at Northfield Seminary and Headmaster David R. Porter delivering the Mount Hermon Baccalaureate address.

A prominent feature of the Commencement program will be a biographical drama, "Eternal Progress," to be presented Saturday, June 12, at 8:00 p. m., in the auditorium by the students and faculty of both schools. The symbolic lantern service at Northfield Seminary, when the graduating class entrusts the upholding of Northfield's spirit and honor to the new senior class, will take place on Chapel Hill at 9:30 p. m., Baccalaureate Sunday.

First Amateur Night In The Town Hall

Plans are well along to make the first Amateur night a success in the town hall tonight, Friday, at 8 o'clock. Lewis Wood will act as master of ceremonies and the prizes will be awarded according to the applause rendered by the audience.

Among those who will appear are Stanley Duda, Eva Fisher, Monica Weed, Margaret and Mary Donahue, Helen and Gloria Savchell, Ian French, Ruth and Elizabeth Field, Margaret Callaghan, Robert Allen, Charles Leach, Donald Cushman, June Cota, Grace Johnson, Alexander Kozlowski, Robert Miller, Richard Barrows, Lawrence Quinlan and the White brothers. The proceeds will be donated toward the class fund for the 1938 Washington trip.

Congregational Club

A large attendance of members of the Franklin County Congregational club will gather at the Northfield hotel next Tuesday evening. Those who come early will indulge in a game of golf or take a walk along the nature trails. The dinner will be served at 6:45 o'clock and the speaker, Miss Margaret Slattery, well known to all will refer to the work and influence of D. L. Moody observing the Moody Centenary at this spring meeting. A quartet from Mount Hermon will sing and all present will unite in the famous Moody-Sankey hymns. Grove W. Deming of Mount Hermon is the secretary of the club and reservations at \$1.10 per plate should be made of him.

County Hermon Club

The annual meeting of the Franklin County Hermon club will be held with a banquet at West hall, Mt. Hermon on Wednesday evening at six o'clock. Richard Watson, Mt. Hermon graduate and former dining hall head, now of New Haven, Conn., will be the principal speaker. Albert E. Roberts, Hermon club alumni secretary will tell of reunion plans in connection with the Moody centenary at the school in June, and B. R. Hatch of the Mt. Hermon science department will show moving pictures of school activities.

Raymond L. Bickford is president.

Had A Close Call

A bull in the barn of C. B. Stevens on the former Clapp farm caught his ring in some manner while in his pen on Monday afternoon. His young son, Charles, a student at the high school was at home and while in the barn noticed the predicament of the bull and endeavored to release him. As he entered the pen the bull disentangled himself and in a furious rage went after the boy who jumped over the side of the pen but not before the bull had struck him and tore a gash nine inches long in his upper right leg.

Dr. Wright was called at once and dressed the wound, it requiring a dozen stitches. The district nurse accompanied him. The young man is resting comfortably at his home with the family grateful for a lucky escape.

Hermon Hobby Show Affords An Interest In Many Exhibits

The Hobby Show in the basement of Schaffner Memorial library at Mount Hermon is of unusual merit and is attracting many visitors. It was to have been on exhibition this week. Probably the most worthwhile feature of the show is a D. L. Moody exhibit arranged by the Schaffner association and very well executed. The mahogany pulpit from which he preached many sermons is made almost into a shrine with excellent lighting effects. There is a pew from the old church where he preached, and the actual bulletins advertising his services are displayed as well.

Many unique and versatile collections are entered in the show. There are excellent stamp collections, photography exhibits, a collection of pipes, and one of wood block printing. One boy is showing 25 or 30 knit ties of various patterns, while another has quite a number of sugar lumps advertising eating places. Mrs. Constantine George has some of her intricate needlework on display, as well as graph designs and a fine oil painting. This show is certainly most interesting and should be visited by our citizens.

Mary E. Silverthorne

Miss Mary E. Silverthorne died at her home here Friday morning, May 14, after a long illness at the age of 81 years. For forty years since 1863, she was an instructor in Bible and English literature at the Northfield Seminary and was much beloved by the many thousands of students who came under her influence. After retiring from her work she continued to make her home in Northfield among her many friends.

She was born in Goshen, Ct., August 23, 1856, prepared for college at Munson Academy and graduated from Wellesley in 1880. For three years before coming to Northfield she taught in the Southboro high school. In 1883, Miss Silverthorne and her younger sister, Miss Claire E., joined the faculty of Northfield Seminary which had been founded only four years earlier. Both continued as teachers in the Seminary for 40 years, a period longer by many years than that of any other teacher.

On her retirement from active teaching in 1923, the late William R. Moody wrote an appreciation of Miss Silverthorne's service to Northfield. His closing words were, "Miss Silverthorne will continue in the service of the school as a valued counselor and teacher emerita, and be free to continue her services wherever opportunity affords."

During her forty years as an instructor, she taught more than 7500 girls and until a year ago she maintained an active interest in the life of the school. Miss Silverthorne gave a great and invaluable contribution to the development of both the spiritual and academic life of the Seminary. Since 1934 she has lived at 20 Highland avenue, with her sister, Miss Claire, who survives her. Funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon at three o'clock with the Rev. Ellis E. Jones officiating. Bearers were L. A. Polhemus, George McEwan, George W. Carr, and Samuel Walker. Interment was in the family plot at Templeton.

Should Be Supported

The executive committee of the Northfield Athletic association is wrestling with a difficult problem and upon its solving depends the question of success or failure to provide baseball in town this season. The financial standing of the association is below par and the sum of \$50 is needed immediately to provide essential equipment to put the team on the field. Three suits, balls, bats, masks, chest protectors, bases and mits are needed. Some twenty contributors have provided thus far \$25 but the additional sum of \$50 is needed. Dr. Wright and Mr. Lazelle have provided one suit, why not others do the same. If you are interested in baseball and want to help aid the sport send your contribution to Henry A. Johnson, the secretary-treasurer, and it will be gratefully acknowledged.

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LOCALS

The trustees of the Northfield Schools will meet in Holbrook hall, Mount Hermon, tomorrow, Saturday, for their annual spring meeting. Miss Wilson will entertain the members at supper in her home this Friday evening, after which an informal meeting will take place.

A statement beginning, "We, the members of the town road crew," but which was unsigned by them except the signature of Ralph V. Gibson, has been received by the Editor taking exception to the article in last week's Press. The statement says, "... not being of radical nature we only stated our desires and await decision of our Selectmen. Therefore no sit-down strike."

The Northfield young peoples' social club will close the season's activities with a party in Alexander hall, Monday evening, May 31, from 7:30 to 10 o'clock.

The Northfield High School Alumni association announces that the annual banquet and dance will be held on Wednesday, June 23. Watch for further and complete announcements.

Charles Ross Taggart, the "man from Vermont," noted musical humorist, will delight friends and guests in the parlors of the Northfield hotel tomorrow (Saturday) night. A welcome is extended to all.

In the article on Virginia camp last week was made a request by Miss Harper for contribution of "coffee and cookies, etc." It should have read, "coffee, and cookies cans" as these empty cans are useful in the purposes of the camp. If you have them notify Mrs. Powell, please.

The annual meeting of the Franklin County Northfield club will be held at Camp Cheneo, Orange, tomorrow (Saturday). All planning to attend should meet at the home of Mrs. Edna B. McElroy, 236 South Main St., Orange at 12:15. Bring a box lunch. Drinks will be served by the Orange group.

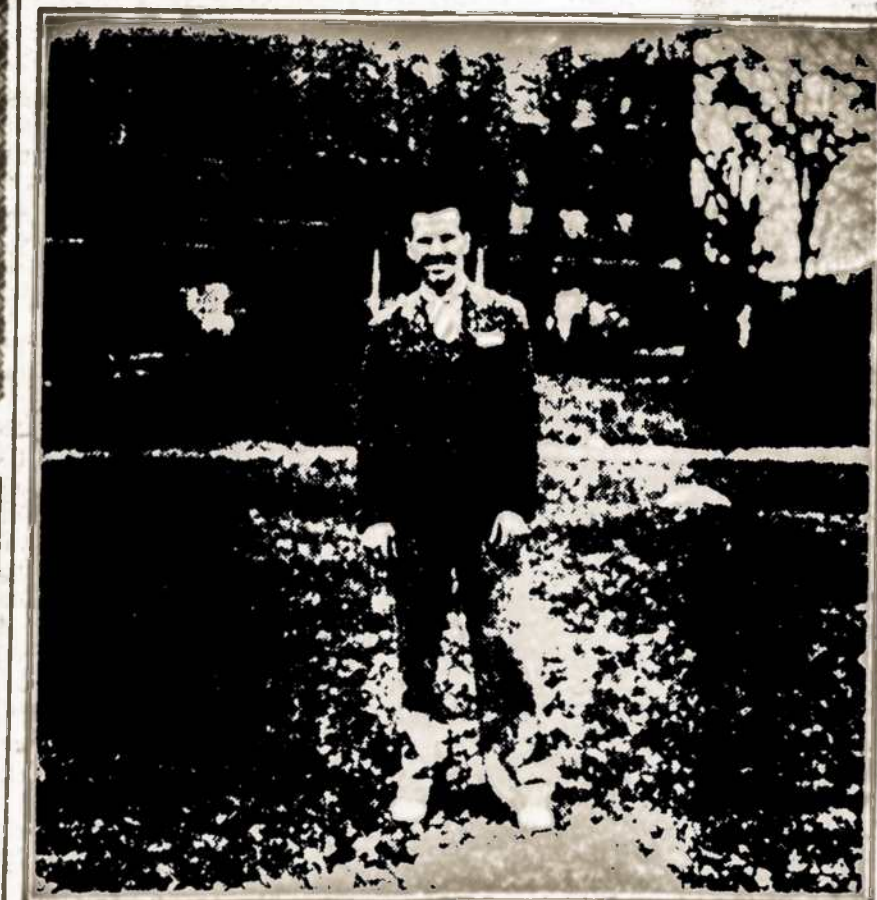
The Connecticut Valley library club held its annual meeting at the Carnegie library in Turners Falls yesterday with a good attendance of librarians. There were morning and afternoon sessions. Our local librarian, Mrs. M. E. Vorce, attended.

Members of the local Grange have been notified that the 29th annual bird day of the State Grange will be held at Tyngsboro tomorrow (Saturday). Bird walks will start at 8 a. m., and there will be luncheon at noon and a moving picture talk by Dr. John C. May on "Birding With A Color Camera." Several are expecting to go from here.

According to a record at the registry, Charles E. and Ralph O. Leach of Northfield Farms, have transferred to Warren M. Billings eight acres of land at Northfield Farms.

From Mount Grace Chapter D. A. R. of Orange came a warm word of appreciation of the Northfield Press for the publicity afforded of the Wallace Nutting lecture. The communication is signed by Grace F. Weymouth, the Curator.

State Police were looking about in Bernardston and Northfield Tuesday for pin ball machines and they found one here and summoned Charles Martell for having one in his possession. Others elsewhere were also found and violators will have their day in district court next Wednesday.



MR. COBB
Northfield—Principal Cobb of the Northfield High School standing on the new athletic field built by WPA in the rear of the school building.

CHURCH SERVICES

Trinitarian Church

Rev. W. Stanley Carne

Sunday school at 10; Preaching service at 11; there will be special anthems by the choir; the sermon subject, "The Safety of Christianity." Sunday school at No. 3, 2:30; Senior Endeavor at 7, led by Bertha Hillock; At 8, preaching service in the vestry.

Tuesday the Bible Conference will meet at the Baptist church, Turners Falls.

Thursday at 7:30, weekly prayer service, followed by choir rehearsal.

May 23-30: "Come to Church" visitation throughout this parish.

May 28, Cafeteria supper and entertainment by the choir.
July 5-16, Daily Vacation Bible School.

South Church

Rev. Mary Andrews Conner

Sunday, 9:45, Church school; 10:45, Church worship. The thought for the morning will be, "Has man an 'inalienable right to the pursuit of happiness?'" The Alliance will meet for sewing at Mrs. Robbins' home Thursday, May 27, from 2 to 4:30 o'clock.

Free Methodist Church

Rev. Albert Reining

Services in Grange hall: Sunday school, 10:30; preaching, 11:30; talk for children, "Five girls who were locked out in the cold." Sermon subject, "The Secret of True Worship;" young peoples' service led by Mrs. Mary Ritter, 6:30; preaching, 7:30. Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30. All are welcome.

St. Patrick's Church

Rev. James I. Mitchell

Masses, first Sunday of the month 8:30 a. m. Every Sunday, 10:30 a. m.

Into district court at Greenfield, was brought last week, Bernard Willey for speeding, but it was not our own Bernard Willey of Northfield. That fellow was another of the same name but unknown to the Northfield family.

"Cafe Metropole" at the Auditorium, Brattleboro, is a showing of fine color, Continental gaiety and fascinating romance. It shows next Monday for three days and ought to be on any fans "must see" list.

The district meeting in Northfield last Sunday of the American Legion was well attended with representatives from nine posts. Commander Given gave everyone a real welcome in behalf of the local post. It was voted to hold the annual hospital meeting at Leeds in connection with the September meeting. Haven Spencer Post was one of those reporting an increase in membership.

The Girl Scouts will hold a cookie sale at Buffum's store Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. Don't forget the time and place.

That well-known group of artists who call themselves the Northfield bowling team took their little brothers from Bernardston, their bowling team, up to Keene on a recent evening and gave them a trouncing at pin ball by a win of four pins. However, the brave lads from Bernardston didn't cry and are asking for a comeback.

Harmony Lodge of Masons held a regular meeting last Wednesday evening at the Masonic hall. The 12th lodge of instruction will be held with Conway lodge on Tuesday, May 25.

Stopping The Use Of Nickel Slot Machines

The State Police are busy in this vicinity according to reports to stop the use of the nickel slot machines which are used for gambling purposes and their activity in the vicinity of Orange has been noticeable. The slot machines disappeared from Northfield sometime ago when the question of their use in the state came up for consideration at the State House. Plain clothesmen are making an investigation and upon their report warrants are issued of parties who still persist in their use. According to report none are in use here. The principal complaint against the machines aside from their gambling features is their use by minors mostly school boys.

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When hours are choked with petty problems pressing
In upon a heart that strives to find
A scrap of time that Duties left behind,
My life is crowded, yes, but scarce impressing.
Oh, let me than remember days like these
When leaden skies grow light and bodies young—
When I can listen fondly to your pleas
And walk in evenings long and warm among
The fresh awakened hopes of earth and men.
Recall this warmth when winter comes again!

Northfield

—Audrey Gallagher (Mrs. M. L.)

The Van Valkenburg - Bile automobile accident case was to have been ventilated in district court last week but is postponed for a week so that the officer investigating the accident might be heard.

The Muskogee Daily Phoenix of Oklahoma must have received a copy of the Press recently for the editor in an editorial quotes largely from an article in the Northfield Press. We appreciate the compliment.

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Grade 6: William Andrews, Barbara Harris, Janet Kehl, Enid Miner, Gloria Savcheff, Stella Schryba and Alice Stevens.

Grade 5: Edith Clark, Stephen Gorzocski, Jean Murphy, Betty Phelps, Roger Polhemus, and Fay Warnock.

At the Pine Street school the following also have perfect attendance for the term: Ruth Norton, Portia Chamberlain, Doris Doolittle, Richard Mitchell, Gordon Leavis, and Edwin Finch of the Primary department. Kenneth Bolton, Norman Bolton, Robert Howe, John Rikert, Ruth Dawe, Arlene Finch, and Helen Howard of the Intermediate. Richard Barrows, Herbert Marcy, Carleton Finch, Ruth Rikert, and Marie Young of the Grammar department.



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PERSONALS

Seth Field resident manager of the Harvard Square theatre in Cambridge was a visitor at his home here last week-end.

Mrs. Stephen Stark is at her home at Mount Hermon, convalescing after her recent serious illness.

Frank W. Pearsall and family are to enjoy, next week, a vacation at their summer camp at Westport on Lake Champlain.

Gene Tunney, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, will speak to the noon assembly in Camp Hall, Mount Hermon on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Kellogg are back in Northfield greeting many friends. They are now at their home and report an interesting journey home from their winter stay in Florida.

Mrs. F. W. Freeman of Main street is visiting with her daughter at Burbank, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Maydole of Princeton, N. J., have arrived at their summer home "Placebo" in Mountain Park for the season.

Mrs. William Leslie has so far recovered from her recent illness and is back at her store where she is greeting her many friends.

George MacMillan of Waltham, former purchasing agent of the Northfield Schools is greeting his many friends about town while here on a stay.

Mrs. Grace C. Cornell of Oleott, N. Y., has arrived to open her home here on Winchester road for the summer.

Mrs. William J. McRoberts of Brooklyn is now at the Northfield hotel and getting her cottages here in readiness for the summer. Mrs. McRoberts will again spend the entire summer season in Northfield.

Mrs. Maude N. Vooris of Jamaica, N. Y., arrived at her summer home in Mountain park last Saturday to spend a short time and getting it in readiness for occupancy this season.

Mrs. James R. Turner of Greenfield has been chosen as Regent of the Dorothy Quincy Hancock Chapter D. A. R. at its recent annual meeting. Mrs. Turner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Morgan of Main street this town.

Mr. James McRoberts of New York spent last week-end here with his mother, Mrs. William J. McRoberts.

Card of Thanks

I hereby desire to express my appreciation of the interest and kindness of my many friends during my recent serious illness. Such sympathetic encouragement helps along life's way.
Mrs. William Leslie.

At The Victoria

Friday and Saturday, May 21-22, "Rainbow on the River" is the showing with Bobby Breen, May Robson and Charles Butterworth. The picture is a drama of the Southland. The co-feature is Dick Forman in "Trailing West."

Starting Sunday, May 23, will be seen "Top Hat" with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. A most entertaining film. Co-feature, Gene Autry in "Red River Valley."

Model Car Design Competition Approved by 4-H Club Director



FRED BOHLEN (left), a director of the national 4-H clubs, places his stamp of approval on the model car design competition of the Fisher Body Craftsmen's Guild. He is shown reviewing the new program with William S. McLean, secretary of the educational foundation, which is offering awards valued at \$80,000 in this and its Napoleonic coach-building competition. These include four \$5,000 university scholarships.

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Hans Letz, noted violinist and leader of a chamber music group will bring a quartet and give a special musicale in chapel on Friday, May 28 at 1:30. He is the father of Mary Letz a student living at South hall.

Laura Lou Lyon of Revell hall is to be the editor-in-chief of the Northfield Star for the coming year. Associate editors will be Doris Cain of East Gould and Mary Alice Reed of Center Gould.

Sybil J. Bumford of West Concord, a student living at Hillside has been elected president of next year's senior class. Miss Barbara Hatch, class teacher has announced.

The pupils of Miss Gladys Grindeland, Miss Marion Keller and Miss Catharine Colton will present a musicale at Russell Sage Chapel on Wednesday afternoon, May 26, at five o'clock. Vocal, piano and organ selections will be heard. This will close the series of student recitals which have been given from time to time this year at Miss Wilson's home.

State Road Aid Is Allotted Here

The State Department of Public Works has made its allotment of funds to small towns of under five million valuation for aid in the construction of highways under the provisions of Chapter 81. The four western counties will receive from the state, \$542,400 and they will put in \$191,485. Franklin county will receive \$166,950 and put in \$65,405. Northfield with 66 miles of public way will receive \$9,900 with the town paying \$4,950. This will make a total of \$14,850 to be spent upon our roads this season.

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EDITORIAL

The "melting pot" period of our civilization is passing and regardless of our varied ancestry we are all Americans, a distinctive nationality. However, every family has a basic line of descent and now since the matter of genealogy is a popular subject, folks are wondering who they are and from whence they came. The looking up of a family tree is fascinating and requires much investigation and patience. When the population was smaller than now records of families were fairly well kept and old settlers have carefully preserved their lineage. A family with a single national line may find it easy to note their ancestry but when intermarriage has frequently taken place between nationalities the search is made more difficult. However, look up your family tree and find out who and what you are. A good German may find out that he is more English after all.

It is a source of satisfaction to see that official church bodies in convention have taken up and considered questions of public policy. Some have expressed themselves definitely on certain subjects as did the Methodist conference at Gardner last week. They are opposed to war and are placing themselves against any measure which in any way leads to its support. It is well that the church should speak as a unit against anything that fails to maintain the essential elements for peace, progress and the happiness of our people.

Former vice-president Dawes says that there will be another depression within a few years. However, that won't worry me for by the time that depression strikes I won't have anything to lose. I belong to that great number of those who came out of the last depression rather flat. Despite the fact that we are assured that business is better and that prosperity is coming, my hope wanes and I shall be thankful for a mere existence without the luxuries of the age. Someone has well said, "having not, knoweth not." Perhaps Prince Ali with his crystal ball might reveal a coming rainbow.

Fight Elm Disease

Continuing its fight to halt the march of the Dutch elm disease northward into New England, the Massachusetts Forest and Park association issues an appeal to all school children asking them to watch all the elm trees in their neighborhood for signs of the fungus which has already destroyed more than six million elms in the United States.

"School children," stated Harris A. Reynolds, secretary of the association, "have been of great help in combating the ravages of the tent caterpillar. They can also aid in fighting the Dutch elm disease. This is so because the only outward symptom of the disease is the wilting of the young elm leaves from the present time until midsummer. If children will keep watch of the elms, their sharp eyes will certainly discover any wilting. And then, if they will report their suspicions to their own town or city tree wardens, an immediate examination can be made. Of course, suspicious specimens can be sent directly to the Elm Disease Laboratory at the State College, Amherst, where an examination will be made free of charge. However, the tree wardens are all equipped to make immediate examinations and they should be consulted.

"This is particularly important because success in controlling the disease depends upon immediate discovery of it. It is just like a forest fire. If the fire can be put out as soon as it starts, small damage will be done, but if the fire gets a flying start, then it is very difficult to control it.

"As yet, the disease has not been found north of Connecticut. However, it may be breaking out elsewhere and it is only by continual vigilance that we have our opportunity of saving our elms for once the disease strikes, the trees cannot be saved."

CUTTING AWAY THE ANCHOR



The Back Yard Gardener

It's azalea time folks, and if there is anything to the "theory" that colors can excite the average individual, we should be in the middle of an exciting garden season.

Yes sir, the old back yard gardener usually gets all stirred up by azaleas along the middle of May, but this year it all started in March when my gardening friend, Monty Hudson, went to the Azalea Gardens at Magnolia, South Carolina, and the tales he had to tell about azaleas made me azalea conscious earlier than usual.

Of course those identical conclusions can't be reproduced here in New England because the Indian azaleas used down there have to be grown in greenhouses here. But beautiful effects certainly can be secured by the use of hardy azaleas, especially in woodland settings.

Last spring I visited the Arnold Arboretum in Boston the third week in May and the hillside of Azalea kaempferi was a blaze of color—you see I copied the name off the tag. The common name is torch or flame azalea. You may remember my telling you about seeing at the Boston flower show a combination of flame azaleas and maroon tulips that was a knockout.

Of course there were other azaleas in flower at the same time such as Azalea vaseyi, a pink; Azalea schlippenbackii, a bluish with very large flowers; and Azalea mucronulatum, a magenta flower on a small bush. The lilacs are blooming at the same time, so when you have had enough excitement among the azaleas, the cool refreshing lavender and blues of the lilacs are delightful. Next week we will tell you more about the lilac, and I sure hope you can get to the arboretum this year.

I have found that azaleas grow best and look their best in any partly shaded corner of the grounds, especially against a dark background of hemlock, or other evergreen. They can also be worked into the shrub border successfully.

Several other azaleas which might be recommended are Azalea calendulaceum (orange, yellow, or scarlet); Azalea arborescens (white); Azalea roseum (rose); R. vaseyi (pink); R. viscosum (late white); and R. poukhanense (low lilac). Azaleas and rhododendrons, according to the botanical books, belong to the family Ericaceae, and all plants of this group prefer an acid soil. A soil made of one-half leaf mold and one-half soil with one-fourth pound per plant of cotton seed meal added is excellent. A mulch of peat moss is desirable and summer watering pays dividends with azaleas.

Very little pruning is needed with these plants and the insect enemies are not hard to control, so yours for more azaleas.

Civil Service

To fill vacancies in the Ordinance department of the War Department, Watertown Arsenal the Civil Service commission will give examinations for the position of machinist at \$40 per week. Applicants will not be required to report for a written examination but will be rated on experience and fitness. For information write Civil Service Examiners, Watertown Arsenal, Watertown, Mass.

It is announced that Elder Michaux, negro evangelist of Washington, will return to the radio Monday night at ten o'clock assisted by a chorus of 150 voices. He is listed on station WOR.

SOUTH VERNON

At the South Vernon church, (DST), morning worship, 10:45; church school, 12:15; evening worship 7:30. Mid-week service, Vernon Home, Thursday, 7:00. Service at Vernon chapel Tuesday evening, 7:30 o'clock.

Joseph Weston of Belleville, N. J. is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Holton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bryant and family of Petersham were in town Sunday calling on friends.

A card party was held at the Pond School last Friday evening with eight tables. Mrs. Furti won first, George Scherlin first, Mrs. E. W. Scherlin consolation. Hostesses were the Misses Marjorie, Marion and Isabella Tyler. Refreshments were served.

Thirty-five members of the South Vernon P.T. A. and the Pond P.T. A. motored to Gill last Thursday evening, May 13, to call upon Mr. and Mrs. Merle Jones as a surprise party. After a social period a fine program was given and announced by E. W. Dunklee. Those who took part were R. E. Bruce, Mrs. Edna Edson, Miss Julia Cheney, and Mrs. C. I. Holton. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were presented with a purse in well chosen words by R. E. Bruce to which Mrs. Jones responded most feelingly. Refreshments were served and the party came to an end by the singing of "Blest be the Tie." Mrs. Jones was a valued member of the South Vernon P.T. A.

A memorial service will be held at the Vernon Union church next Sunday afternoon. The school children will take part in the exercises and there will be a speaker.

Mrs. Gertrude Johnson suffered a fractured wrist when the automobile in which she was riding with her daughter in law, Mrs. Ruth Johnson, who was driving, crashed into a pole on the highway. They were on their way to Brattleboro. The car was badly damaged.

Clarence DeMar, the famous marathon runner and victor, who resides in Keene, N. H., has written a book entitled "Marathon" dealing with his experiences in the various contests.

The State of Vermont has received its old seal of 1779 because it more fairly represents the interests of the state. The old seal will be "damasked" by proclamation of the Governor.

PRAYER FOR HAVEN

When thoughtless winds cut sharp across
The yards, and bent down fences old,
And every corner of the earth
Seems shriveled with the frost and cold;
Oh Lord, protect all little beasts,
The mother cats with frightened cries,
Small dogs who crouch against locked doors
With dead faith watching from their eyes.

Grant them some haven, welcome place,
Or take them with You, to warm roads;
The horses gaunt and blanketless,
With sunken sides and heavy loads;
The dogs and cats whose lives were made
To fit a home, until life ends.
Oh Lord, make us remember in the cold—
Make us protect these wordless friends!

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In an interview with Greta Palmer, radio commentator, Mrs. Sample will discuss the history of the organization and New England traditions. The Society was organized in 1895 for the purpose of bringing together women of New England ancestry to engage in patriotic, civic and philanthropic work.

"New England women have made names for themselves in many cities," said Mrs. Sample, "and in many fields, too. We can claim Mary Lyon, who fought for higher education for women a hundred years ago, and was laughed at for her pains; Maria Mitchell of Nantucket, the first woman astronomer; Dorothea Dix, who brought about prison reform; and Clara Barton, who founded the American Red Cross."

"In literature we have Louisa M. Alcott, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Julia Ward Howe and Emily Dickinson. These women were pioneers, as surely as any woman who drove a team of oxen across the prairie," added Mrs. Sample.

On May 22nd, following the close of the Congress, the National Society will dedicate a bench of Vermont granite in Brewster Park, Plymouth, Mass., in honor of past presidents of the organization. The bench will be placed near the bronze statue of the Pilgrim Maiden which represents a young Englishwoman on the deck of the Mayflower looking toward her American home.

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